

ELIZA M. TRANE.

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Eliza Maria Howes Trane, daughter of Henry and Eliza Howes, was born May 30, 1849, in Norwich, Norfolk, England. She emigrated to Utah, leaving England in January, 1853, with her father, mother, grandmother and a little sister of whom the last named was buried on the plains. She came in the sailing vessel "Ellen Maria," landed in New Orleans and proceeded up the river to Keokuk.

She crossed the plains with an ox team in Claudius Spencer's company, arriving in Salt Lake City in October, 1853, being nine months on the way. She lived in Salt Lake City for one year, moved to Lehi where her father, who was a bricklayer, helped to build the Meeting House and took an active part in the building up of Lehi.

Being a man of means, he also assisted in bringing others to Utah. Sister Trane had a brother and sister born under very trying circumstances; it was during the grasshopper war, when money could not buy a comfort on earth, as it was not here.

She attended the school taught by Mrs. Bassett and later taught by Charles D. Evans. As women and girls in those days worked in the fields, she took her part, hauling and stacking hay and grain, digging potatoes and hauling sage brush for fuel. Furthermore, she worked many days killing grasshoppers; spun and colored yarn for her own dresses and performed other work of this kind.

She is the mother of 8 children, 2 boys and 6 girls and at the present writing is the grandmother of 13 grandchildren. She was a teacher in the Relief Society for 12 years before moving to American Fork.

